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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

ETHNIC CLASHES IN LAE

What a week with the outbreak of countless ethnic clashes in settlements in and around Lae on Monday and continuing throughout the week. The Police were stretched to their limit as it is a well known fact that they are undermanned as it is and they had their numbers further depleted by the posting of the Morobe based Mobile 13 Unit for Royal duties.

1. The Sepik and Engan clash at the Pita Block behind the Four Square Church at Kamkumung reignited on Monday as a continuation of a fight on Friday which left one dead and one with a serious thigh wound. Some houses were destroyed and a further two combatants were killed as a result of Mondays fight. The Police were on hand and able to contain the situation and stop further problems. The situation has calmed down even though it still remains tense.

The Police were on edge when a small world war II bomb was brought onto the site of the conflict with an attempt to ignite it. The Defense Force removed this shell.

2. The Menyamya versus the Engan Settlers clash at five mile, which has been brewing for quite a number of weeks, but certainly deteriorated this week. The Menyamya's announced to the Police, that they wished to march to Lae City to hand a petition to the Governor. The police refused permission as they believed that such an action could inflame the situation further and bring trouble to Lae City, much in the same way that it did last year.
3. Bumbu Camp where some drunken Morobe youth stabbed to death a Sepik youth, raised tensions between the two groups that live in this settlement. This trouble has calmed down
4. Bumayong where Kabwum and Waian settlers had a disagreement, which has again settled down.
5. Kapiak Street where a long standing dispute between the Lord Mayor's Simbu people and the Kabwum settlers, flared up again. This battle has resulted in several houses being torched and the loss of multiple lives over a 2 year period. Again the predicament has quieted down.

The Police were on the brink of recommending to the Morobe Law & Order Committee, a fighting zone declaration, but are deferring such a recommendation as all the quandaries have quietened down considerably.

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- To promote support or oppose legislation; or take any other measures to improve the business community;
- To provide a forum for discussion of private sector goals;
- To pool the strengths of business people so that together, they can accomplish tasks that each one alone cannot achieve;
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ETHNIC CLASHES IN LAE (CONTINUED)

The Police went to the main participants in these clashes and appealed to them to calm their own people down and make an effort to stop the conflicts. The Police resources were stretched to the limit by these clashes, which was not good for the overall law & order situation in the City.

The Police mentioned that part of the problems is that there is no real leadership in the settlements like in the Villages which are still reasonably well structured, with their own leadership system. The settlements have no such structure and no-one is willing to stick their neck out and make decisions and indeed no-one that is willing to follow such decisions.

Tensions are building up as more and more people flock to Lae in search of work and are living anywhere they can. The settlers have tried to stick together in their own ethnic groups, but as the available land is being taken up there is an overlapping with settlers from other areas, which is the cause of a whole range of social problems and ultimately results in a fight of some sort.

The dilemma that is now faced in all urban areas in the country is that the settlements are growing unabatedly and with no planning or control. Hence there definitely will be more and continued problems. This is an evolving crisis and the PNG Government and the Provincial Governments can no longer turn a blind eye to this crisis otherwise there will continue to be ethnic clashes, as well as an increase in the already well established illegal activities such as dealing in drugs and home brew, stealing, sale of stolen goods, prostitution etc. Steps must begin to:

1. Prevent the unemployed squatters from the setting up residence in the urban areas.
2. Remove squatter camps from so called vacant Government Land, especially drainage and river reserves, where the settlements occupy land that is in danger of flooding with disastrous results.
3. Assist the land owning communities to mobilize their land so that long term leases can be offered to those people with employment who need a permanent place of residence.
4. Update plans for the City to include recreational facilities, schools and parklands that are required to give the youth an area to play sport and somewhere they can be occupied.

I realise that there is no quick fix to this intricate problem but the superficial steps set out above are a good start. The National Land Development Conference that was held by the National Research Institute in Port Moresby two weeks ago came up with a range of more concise recommendations. Now is the right time for the Governments of this country to take the necessary steps to plan for and control the Urban Migration in Papua New Guinea, before the ethnic clashes such as recently experienced and the crime gets completely out of hand.

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Join the LCCI with our special guest
Morobe Governor Kasiga Kelly Naru LLB MP

You are invited to attend this luncheon with the new Morobe Governor
The Governor will announce his policies and directions
Highlighting the needs and requirements of the Private Sector

Where: Lae International Hotel
Bulolo Room
Time: 12 Noon to 2 PM
Date: Thursday 15th November 2012
Cost: K100.00 per head

Book in early to get a seat as regrettably there is only limited space available.
This is your opportunity to listen to the new direction for Morobe and to
have an input into addressing the private sectors needs.

Please book early by reply email message to info@lcci.org.pg or ring Jenna
on 472 2340. Payments can be made direct to the LCCI Office. Bookings will
close lunchtime on Tuesday 13th November. Please be reminded – no show
no refund.

**WORK PERMIT
OFFICE IN SHUT
DOWN OVER
CHRISTMAS BREAK
FIND OUT MORE**

FOR YOUR URGENT ATTENTION AND INFORMATION WORK PERMITS - SHUT DOWN PERIOD

We draw your attention to recent notices in the press regarding the annual "Shut
Down Period" for Work Permit applications.

The Foreign Employment Office at Moale Haus will be closed from Friday 14th Decem-
ber to Wednesday 9th January.

All applications must be lodged at Moale Haus by COB on Friday 30th November 2012.

From 3-14th December, the office will be open, on the usual times on Wednesdays,
Thursdays and Fridays, only for the collection of granted Work Permits.

Acceptance of new applications resume on Wednesday 9th January 2013.

Renewal applications MUST now be lodged 3 months prior to the work permit expiry
date.

For further information contact Mr Pius Lahari on 301 1600 or by
email on enquiries@workpermits.gov.pg.

If like me you have tried the Department of Labour & Industrial Relations website, you
will find it is out of date and has no relevant information to this information on Work
Permits.

More on
doing
Business in
PNG

Customs will
run an aware-
ness session

See more!

International
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News Alert

DOING BUSINESS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The response to our last week's item on the World Bank/IFC **DOING BUSINESS 2013** Report was extremely good with a large number of requests for the electronic copy.

Henry Sanday has forwarded his presentation at the National Land Development Conference to the LCCI, titled **SUPPORTING THE GROWTH OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE: The Role of Sub-National Governments in Papua New Guinea**. We would be happy to pass this electronic version on to you on request. It contains a lot of comparisons between PNG and other Pacific Countries, on a whole range of Land and business cost issues.

If any member still wants an electronic copy of the **DOING BUSINESS 2013** Report please respond by email.



Container Examination Facility

Remember the important awareness exercise on Monday 12th November; Customs Officers will deal with a range of pertinent issues on the Container Examination Facility (CEF) that is to be constructed in Lae shortly. The awareness session will be held as follows:

Time: 13.00pm – 14.00pm

Day & Date: Monday 12th November, 2012

Location: Lae International Hotel Conference room

Customs Officers will deal with the following issues in their presentation:

**TECHNICAL DATA
IMPLICATIONS FOR INDUSTRY
RADIATION SAFETY
ENQUIRIES**

For more information about the PNG CEFs or other PNG Customs matters, please visit the PNGCS website: www.customs.gov.pg.

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Chambers establish new certificate of origin structures and action programme

Goa, 06 November 2012

Chamber trade documentation experts from more than 20 countries set in motion a series of global initiatives and action plans during their recent meeting on 6 November 2012 in Goa, reinforcing their central role in helping business do international trade.

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Based upon the International Certificates of Origin Guidelines, the CO Chain brings reassurance to business, traders, banks and customs administrations that COs are issued according to internationally accepted best practices. Participating chambers will be recognized in future by a distinctive accreditation seal which will appear on certificates of origin, identifying the chamber as recognized globally to meeting international best practices.

The International Guidelines worldwide acceptance was recently reinforced over the past two weeks with their endorsement by nine national chambers from the CIS countries at their regional meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, announced Damir Aitkulov, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation during the meeting.

Underpinning the effective implementation of the chain, the ICO Council approved the creation of its International CO Accreditation Committee (ICOAC), to support the roll out of the chain.

To be chaired by Nigel Rudd, Head of Chamber Accreditation at British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), with the support of Atiq Nasib, Senior Director, Commercial Services Sector of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce as his deputy, the ICOAC was charged to manage the expansion of the CO Chain, prepare recommendations, monitor compliance and formalize the approval of chambers wishing to join the chain.

In addition to BCC and Dubai Chamber, the first incoming members of this group include the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade / China Chamber of International Commerce, Paris Chamber of Commerce, Singapore International Chamber of Commerce, the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and the Union of Turkish Chambers/

“The establishment of the international CO Accreditation Committee is an important step forward for ICC WCF. The widespread implementation of our community’s global standards will enable chambers of commerce to become famous for international trade services. I am privileged to be asked to lead the Committee to help chambers’ international businesses to do business even better,” said Mr Rudd.

Case studies and experience sharing are an important foundation on the ICO Council’s mission. Presentations were made by Homin Kang, Executive Director, Public Business Division at the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry, showcasing how the network of 71 local chambers across Korea manage more than 800,000 preferential and non-preferential COs per year online.

Technical expertise and opinions were given in response to questions raised by chambers from France, China, Australia and Sweden, seeking global experiences to issues faced currently within their country. Chambers also discussed at length recent problems encountered with electronic COs and the importance of obtaining recognition of these documents and their digi-

tal signatures by all customs administrations.

During the meeting, ICC and British Chambers of Commerce announced their partnership to provide online training for chamber staff with no access to extended local expertise on CO issuance and who wished to follow internationally recognized practices. The training platform will be introduced to the chamber community in early 2013.

The meeting was hosted by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Learn more about the [International CO Chain](#)

Read the [public announcement of the Chain](#)

Get a copy of the [ICC WCF International Certificate of Origin Guidelines](#)

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Delivered by Australian guest lecturer, Peter O'Hanlon, the Workshop develops the strong 'business case' for sustainability and outlines international policy trends. It develops a 'Ten Point Plan' for effective business sustainability policy and shows how to avoid common design flaws and traps.

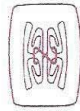
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The Workshop develops practical techniques to improve operational efficiency and develops procedures which are benchmarked to international best practice - as embodied in the ISO 14000 standards on environmental management systems (EMS).

The Workshop outlines the Australian experience of a growing 'sustainability consciousness', the range of policy initiatives implemented and the lessons that may be learnt. In particular, it provides hands on guidance in developing effective sustainability policies which are adaptable for any organization wishing to reduce its footprint.

The Workshop will particularly benefit:

- ✓ Business owners/managers/senior personnel wanting to reduce business risk and vulnerabilities while capitalising on the opportunities for cost savings through greater sustainability
- ✓ Business personnel wishing to be proactive and add 'sustainability' to their skill sets in order to be attuned to emerging trends in the business environment
- ✓ Senior public sector personnel wishing to stay informed on emerging policy issues and to be proactive with regard to their agency's sustainability performance
- ✓ Government and private sector personnel involved as stakeholders in emerging PNG policy on climate change and environmental management
- ✓ Senior officers/managers of NGOs who wish to improve the efficiency of their own operations while embracing socially responsible sustainability initiatives.

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UNITECH
DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT (Cont)

WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT:

- ❖ LAE: *UNITECH Campus*: Tuesday, 20th November 2012 (9-00am – 4-30 pm.)
- ❖ PORT MORESBY: *Venue to be advised*: Thursday 22nd November 2012 (9-00 am – 4-30pm)

COST: ?? Kina per Delegate

(Includes cost of extensive training materials, Lunch, Morning and Afternoon teas at Venue)

BOOKING FORMS & RESERVATIONS:

To request a Booking Form for the One Day Sustainability Programs or to reserve your place,

- Telephone ERMC Secretary: Name and Telephone Numbers To Be Supplied
- Email: enquiries@ermc.unitech.ac.pg
- Fax your details to ERMC Office - Details to be supplied.

***NOTE: Participants wishing to extend their knowledge and develop more advanced competencies are able to build on the knowledge developed by enrolling in an Australian nationally recognized training program – BSBSUS501A Develop workplace policies and procedures for sustainability – offered through ACBM at a concessional rate. Successful completion of this distance education program is recognized by the issue of an Australian Statement of Attainment in this unit.*

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